



PATENT APPLICATION

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the Interview conducted on
February 25, 2005:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was given to the undersigned
attorney at the conclusion of the Interview on February 25, 2005.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: All, but particularly claims 1, 3, 10, 13, and 16
3. Identification of art discussed: Hirata et al '495 (U.S. Patent No. 6,265,495)
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Discussed possible
amendments to claims 3, 10, 13, and 16, and new claims 20-22.

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5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Amended claim recitations to claims 3, 13, and 16 to resolve § 112 issues, and amendment of claim 10 to more clearly distinguish over Hirata et al '495 reference

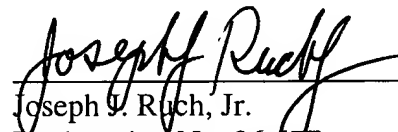
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None

7. Results of Interview: Examiner to consider amended claims

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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